


# KOREAN WAR NAME UNKNOWN

After World War II, dogs were not needed on the battlefield until the Korean War (1950-1953). At that time only one active dog platoon remained—the 26<sup>th</sup> Scout Dog Platoon out of Fort Riley, Kansas. The dogs and their handlers arrived in Korea in early 1952 to become the eyes and ears of the soldiers in one of the most vulnerable areas of the country. One year later, their success was recorded in the General Orders 114: “The unbroken record of faithful and gallant performances of these missions by the individual handlers and their dogs in support of the patrols have saved countless casualties through giving early warning to the friendly patrol of threats to its security.”

One ‘unknown’ Doberman pinscher became a casualty for being too loyal to his handler. The dog’s handler  died in a foxhole and the dog would not leave his side. The dog refused to eat or drink, and quickly became extremely emaciated and weak. It is said they had to shoot the canine warrior to retrieve the fallen heroes’ remains. The military chose to cease using Dobermans as sentry dogs after the Korean War due to their unwavering loyalty to their soldier and their inability to adapt to another handler.

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